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DURING AUDIENCE WITH SHAH LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 18, RAISED QUESTION OF IRAN'S PARTICIPATION IN EMERGENCY AID PACKAGE TO EGYPT. POINTED OUT THAT WITH SECRETARY'S RENEWED NEGOTIATION EFFORT, THIS ARRANGEMENT BECOMES IMMEDIATE AND RELATIVELY URGENT. STATED WE AWARE THAT IRAN HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY IN IDENTIFYING SUFFICIENT GOODS IN EGYPT IMPORT LIST AND RECOMMENDED TO THE SHAH THAT MINISTER OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE ANSARY GET IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH HIS OPPOSITE NUMBER IN EGYPT IN AN EFFORT TO SEE IF THIS OBSTACLE COULD BE REMOVED(CF. PARA 3 OF REFTEL). THE SHAH AGREED THAT THIS SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD SPEAK TO ANSARY ABOUT IT. HE THEN SAID, "WE MUST HELP EGYPT." THIS STATEMENT WAS FOLLOWED BY RECITATION OF THE OPPOSITION DEVELOPING AGAINSE PRESIDENT SADAT ON THE PART OF THOSE ARAB ENTITIES WHICH WERE OPPOSED TO AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT.
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